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HIGHWAY MAP

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Lewis and Clark Cavern State Park

LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERN, Montana's featured state park, is the largest limestone cavern in the Northwest. Located in the heart of Montana's vacationland between Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, Lewis and Clark Cavern is easy to reach and fun to explore.

Colorful stalactites, stalagmites, clusterites and flowstone, produced by a million years of natural processes, form interesting and unusual sights.

The cavern is all electrically-lighted, and is safe and comfortable to visit. An open-air jeep railroad runs up the hillside from park headquarters to near the cavern entrance, and an electric tram completes the trip.

Inside the cavern, where natural air-conditioning maintains a year-around temperature of 46°, well-constructed trails lead downhill. No climbing is necessary.

Guided tours take 90 minutes. Admission charge (including jeep railway and tram ride) is $1.00 for adults; 50c for children.

Tours operate at frequent intervals daily as follows:

May 1—June 15: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 15—Labor Day: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Labor Day—Sept. 30: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free picnicking and camping facilities are provided.

Ernst Peterson

Welcome to Montana!

The Land of Shining Mountains offers you a wealth of recreation opportunities in the midst of great scenic splendor and an atmosphere alive with the excitement of the West.

We invite you to share our enjoyment of towering mountains, evergreen forests, colorful badlands, and sparkling lakes and streams.

Take time to see the variety of Montana—visit us often—and drive with care.

Sincerely,

J. Hugo Aronsson

J. Hugo Aronson
Governor

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND SAFETY RULES

1. Montana speed limits: daylight—65 miles per hour absolute speed; 55 miles per hour during the hours when lights are required, except where zoned and posted. Trucks in excess of 6,000 pounds gross weight—50 miles per hour. Vehicles towing house trailers—50 miles per hour. Speed limit on roads under construction—35 miles per hour.
2. Vehicles entering main highways from side road or drive must yield right-of-way to vehicles traveling main highways.
3. Vehicles must drive to right of center line at all times except when passing another car. Never pass on hills or curves. Be sure you can see far enough ahead to make a safe passing.

> Don't lose your head
> To save a minute,
> You need your head—
> Your brains are in it
> MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL

4. Proper signal must be given when passing another vehicle, changing direction, stopping or slowing down on the highway. Sound horn to warn the car ahead you are going to pass, left turn, left hand and arm extended horizontally, right turn, left hand and arm extended upward; stop or slow down, left arm extended downward. Electrical turn indicators are legal
5. Obey all warning signs, such as School Zone, Stop, Slow, Danger, Curve, Yield Right-of-Way, and others.
6. Never drive at a speed greater than that at which you can stop in the clear road visible ahead. Slow down at night or when the road is wet or icy.
7. When approaching another car from either the front or rear, dim your lights. Don't be afraid to dim first. Courtesy promotes safety.
8. Slow down when approaching any child, pedestrian, bicycle, livestock, parked car, or other obstruction on the highway. Be prepared for the unexpected.
9. Don't stop or park on the main-traveled portion of the highway, especially on hills or curves. Pull out on the shoulder. It's safer for you and other cars.
10. Make a written report to the Highway Patrol of all accidents resulting in death, personal injury, or property damage of an apparent extent of $25.00 or more
11. When approaching school busses loading or unloading school children, drivers must stop and not proceed until school bus resumes motion.
12. PREVENT FOREST FIRES—USE YOUR ASH TRAY.

TIPS FOR TRAILER OWNERS

Montana highway regulations provide that no combination of auto and trailer shall exceed 60 ft. in length, or 96 in. in total outside width, or 13 ft. 6 in. in height. Trailers should carry red lights to the rear, green, amber or white lights to the front and amber side lights. The speed limit for vehicles towing house trailers is 50 miles per hour. No person shall occupy a house trailer while it is being moved upon a highway.

Principal mountain passes in Montana are:

Lookout Pass—U. S. 10 at Montana-Idaho border. El. 4,738. Oiled, water stops.
MacDonald Pass—U. S. 10-N west of Helena El. 6,325 Oiled, water stops.
Pipestone Pass—U. S. 10-S east of Butte. El. 6,418 Oiled, water stops
Bozeman Pass—U. S. 10 east of Bozeman. El. 6,002. Oiled.
Marias Pass—U. S. 2 west of East Glacier El. 5,216 Oiled, water stops.
Logan Pass—Glacier Park's Going-to-the-Sun Highway. El. 6,664 Oiled Not advised for large trailers
Beartooth Pass—Red Lodge Yellowstone Highway, U. S. 12. El. 10,940. Oiled. Not advised for large trailers
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Elk Park Pass—U. S. 91 northeast of Butte. El. 6,372. Oiled, water stops.
Monida Pass—U. S. 91 at Montana-Idaho border. El. 6,823. Oiled Easy grade.
Targhee Pass—U. S. 191 and 20 at Montana-Idaho border. El. 7,078 Oiled. Easy grade
Lost Trail Pass—U. S. 93 at Montana-Idaho border. El. 6,951. Oiled.
Gibbons Pass—Montana 43, east of Lost Trail Pass. El. 6,995. Not oiled. Not advised for trailers.
Rogers Pass—Montana 20 east of Lincoln El. 5,609. Oiled.
Skalkaho Pass—Montana 38 east of Hamilton El. 7,258 Not oiled. Not advised for trailers.

MONTANA ROADS OPEN FOR WINTER TRAVEL

Modern maintenance equipment enables Montana to keep all primary roads (shown in red) open during winter months except for very short periods during or immediately after a severe storm. Make local inquiry regarding conditions during storms. Carry chains and a shovel. Reduce speed.

All main highway passes are kept open all winter. Passes that are closed to traffic for several months are:

Beartooth Pass on U.S. 12, from 12 miles south of Red Lodge over Beartooth Plateau to Cooke City
Skalkaho Pass on Montana 38 between Anaconda and Hamilton.
Gibbons Pass on Montana 43 between Wisdom and junction with U.S. 93.
Logan Pass in Glacier National Park, closed from about Oct. 15 to June 1.
Yellowstone National Park roads subject to closure after Oct. 15, except for Gardiner-Cooke City road via Mammoth which remains open year around

MAP OF THE MONTANA STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

J. Hugo Aronson, Governor

The State Highway Commission is responsible for the construction and maintenance of the Federal Aid Highway System only, which is shown in red.

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Underpasses
Rivers and Streams

State Capital—Helena

Time Zone Boundary between Pacific and Mountain Standard Times. In some localities time is advanced one hour by local option

One inch equals approximately 22 miles.

Scale 0 10 20 30 40 Miles

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Population 638 000 (1956 estimate) — 1950 Census 591,024
Area 146 131 square miles
Capital: Helena

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Yellowstone National Park

Nature's wonderland world-famous for spouting geysers, steaming pools, mountains, canyons, streams and lakes, forests and waterfalls, Yellowstone National Park comprises 2,221,000 acres of scenic beauty.

In the heart of lush ranch country, Yellowstone Park offers fishing, horseback riding, boating, photographing and just relaxing in the midst of magnificent scenery.

Three of the park's five entrances are in Montana. The north entrance at Gardiner is reached by the historic Yellowstone River route through Paradise Valley and Yankee Jim Canyon.

Two scenic highways lead to the west entrance at West Yellowstone. Along the picturesque Gallatin River, white water foams and sparkles below towering canyon peaks. Farther west, the route along trout-famous Madison River winds through a pleasant valley, ashady evergreen forest and along blue Hebgen Lake.

The spectacular Red Lodge-Cooke City Highway to the park's northeast entrance climbs to 11,000 feet in the Beartooth Mountains. Here is some of Montana's most rugged beauty purple canyons, white glaciers, rushing streams, sparkling lakes, fields glorious with wildflowers, views of vistas as large as all New England.

Park wildlife includes buffalo, moose, elk, deer, antelope, Big Horn sheep and—favorite of all—the grizzly and black bears. Fish found in park waters (no fishing license required) are cutthroat, rainbow, Loch Leven and brook trout.

Yellowstone Park, established by Congress in 1872, is the largest of the national parks.

Accommodations are available in the park from about May 10 to October 15. On the edges of the park, accommodations are available all year.

Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces
Ernst Peterson

Lake McDonald
Lacy

Glacier National Park

A million acres of scenic grandeur, Glacier National Park lies in the most rugged section of the Montana Rockies. Here are more than sixty glaciers, two hundred sparkling lakes, forests of fragrant evergreens, fields of mountain wildflowers, wildlife of many varieties and miles of good fishing streams.

Going-to-the-Sun Highway, a spectacular 50-mile drive running east and west through the park, crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass. Lofty peaks, sheer cliffs, crystal waterfalls, dense forests, distant glaciers, meadows of brilliant blossoms, shimmering lakes, inquisitive bears and proud mountain goats make up its changing panorama.

Much of the park is accessible only by trail, and more than a thousand miles of horseback and foot trails lead deep into untouched wilderness. Many of the glaciers can be visited readily by trail, and the park's best fishing is often found in the back country. (No fishing license is required.) Saddle horses are available, riding experience is unnecessary.

Warm, sunny days and cool, starry nights are the rule throughout the summer. Early season visitors find waterfalls at their most glorious, and mountain peaks still covered with winter snows. In the fall, deciduous trees display brilliant colors, highest peaks glisten with their first white dusting of snow, and skies deepen to a startling blue.

Going-to-the-Sun Highway, open about June 15, remains open well into October. Accommodations on the park are available from June 15 to September 10; all-year-round accommodations are conveniently located on the park's fringes.

The park, established by Congress in 1910, is the U. S. section of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park.

The State Capitol at Helena, built in 1899, 10 years after Montana became the 41st state.

Montana • The Treasure State

Montana, for centuries the home of Indians and buffalo, was first seen by white men—the Verendrye, French fur-traders—in 1743.

In 1805-06 Lewis and Clark explored the area, then part of the Louisiana Territory.

In 1807 Manuel Lisa, a fur-trader, built Montana's first trading post.

The first permanent white settlement was St. Mary's Mission, founded in 1841.

In 1862 a rich gold strike at Bannack brought a rush of prospectors. With gold discoveries at Virginia City and Helena, thousands more followed. Outlaws flourished in the surging gold camps until the Vigilantes organized and dispensed justice.

The great cowboy era began in 1866 when the first herd of longhorn cattle was trailed in from Texas.

The growing intrusion of white men into the Indians' homeland, the disappearance of buffalo, and failure of white men to keep their treaties brought the Indian wars of the '60's and '70's. Custer's Last Stand occurred in 1876. A year later the major battles ended with Chief Joseph's surrender.

The fourth largest state, Montana averages 580 miles in length and 315 miles in width. The Continental Divide runs north and south through the western section. The highest point is Granite Peak, 12,850 feet; the lowest is 1,820 feet on the Kootenai River at the Idaho line.

Eastern Montana is plains country; plains and isolated mountain ranges form the central section; the western third is made up of mountains and mountain valleys.

Climate varies with topography and altitude. Average annual temperature is 42 9° F. Statewide average rainfall is 14 59 inches.

Nine railroads, 11 bus lines and 3 air lines serve Montana; 8,245 miles of paved highways cross the state.

Vast lands suited to agriculture, fine native grasses, minerals, timber and water are Montana's most valuable resources.

The value of farm production and income from livestock totals $418,000,000 annually. Farms and ranches total 61 million acres. Major crops are hard northern wheat, hay, barley, sugar beets, corn, oats, potatoes, alfalfa seed, mustard seed, flaxseed and beans. Principal livestock are cattle (2,395,000) and sheep (1,956,000.)

Leading minerals are copper, petroleum, zinc, lead, silver, vermiculite, chromite, manganese, phosphate rock and coal. Annual production averages some $200,000,000, chiefly from copper ($54,000,000) and oil ($70,000,000.)

Montana has 21,000,000 acres in timber—ponderosa and lodgepole pine, western larch, fir and spruce. Three million Christmas trees are cut each year. The annual value of forest products is $88,000,000.

Electric power comes from numerous dams and steam generating plants. Major dams are Fort Peck and Hungry Horse. Under construction is a gigantic new dam at Noxon Rapids, a new power plant at Fort Peck and a new steam generating plant at Sidney. Corbrane Dam at Great Falls was completed in 1957.

Manufacturing includes refining of copper, zinc, aluminum and petroleum; production of elemental phosphorus and phosphate fertilizer, timber milling, sugar refining and flour milling. The value of all manufactured products in Montana approximates $242,000,000 annually.

HISTORIC FORT BENTON this year celebrates the one hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the first steamboat on July 2, 1859, an event of vital importance in Montana's early development. Located at the head of navigation on the Missouri River, Fort Benton was a bustling transportation center in gold rush days. Visitors can see remains of the fort and a good museum in Fort Benton City Park, reached from U. S. 87.

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Cover Scene
Wildflowers bloom all summer in the high mountain meadows of Glacier National Park. Photo by Ernst Peterson.

Left to right
The State Flag bearing the State Seal with the motto, "Oro Y Plata"—Gold and Silver
The Bitter Root, State Flower
The Ponderosa Pine, State Tree
The Western Meadowlark, State Bird

Montana State Parks and Monuments

Bannack State Monument
21 miles west of Dillon off U.S. 91

Bitterroot Lake State Park
20 miles west of Kalispell and 5 miles north of Marion off U.S. 2

Bridger Mountain State Park
16 miles north of Bozeman in Bridger Canyon (winter only.)

Canyon Ferry Recreation Area
20 miles southeast of Helena off U.S. 10-N

Chief Joseph Battlefield
16 miles south of Chinook off U.S. 2

Flathead Lake State Park
15 miles north of Polson on U.S. 93

Fort Owen State Monument
At Stevensville off U.S. 93.

Hell Creek State Park
34 miles north of Jordan off Montana 18 on Fort Peck Reservoir.

Hooper State Park
At Lincoln on Montana 20.

Lewis and Clark Cavern State Park
15 miles east of Whitehall on U.S. 10-S.

Lone Pine State Park
3 miles southwest of Kalispell off U.S. 2.

Makoshika State Park
3 miles south of Glendive off U.S. 10.

Medicine Rocks State Park
12 miles north of Ekalaka on Montana 7.

Missouri River Headwaters State Monument
3 miles east of Three Forks and 3 miles north of U.S. 10.

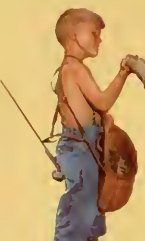
Rock Creek State Park
25 miles south of Fort Peck on Fort Peck Reservoir.

Tiber Dam State Park
16 miles south of Chester on Tiber Reservoir

West Shore State Park
20 miles south of Kalispell on U.S. 93

Yellow Bay State Park
20 miles north of Polson on Montana 35.

Whitefish Lake State Park
At Whitefish on U.S. 93



Montana Fishing and Hunting

Montana's vast outdoors offers 32,000 miles of well-stocked fishing streams. Four major watersheds—the Missouri, Yellowstone, Kootenai and Clark Fork—and their many tributaries which flow down from high mountain country give the angler a wide choice. Lakes number more than 1,500.

There are plenty of fish—rainbow, cutthroat, brown trout, mackinaw, Dolly Varden, whitefish, the rare grayling, pike, perch, bass, freshwater drum, ling and kokanee (sockeye.)

The non-resident fishing license fee is $10 for the season or $3 for 6 days. No license is required for children under 15, or for fishing in the waters of Yellowstone or Glacier National Parks.

Moose, elk, deer, antelope, Big Horn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, bear, earning even buffalo make up Montana's big game population, numbering 350,000. In eleven national forests with eight wilderness areas, natural conditions are preserved which make for good hunting.

Game birds found in Montana are sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, blue grouse, Franklin's grouse, ruffed grouse, ptarmigan, ring-necked pheasant, Hungarian partridge, wild turkey and chukar.

For details on fishing streams, hunting areas, seasons and license fees, write Montana Fish and Game Department, Helena, Montana.

Madison River *Ernst Peterson*

APPROXIMATE MILEAGE

	Anaconda	Billings	Bozeman	Butte	Glasgow	Gt. Falls	Havre	Helena	Kalispell	Lewistown	Livingston	Miles City	Missoula
Atlanta, Ga.	2181	1875	2034	2158	1869	2067	2041	2082	2311	1967	1983	1781	2219
Chicago, Ill.	1451	1234	1373	1468	1218	1421	1378	1450	1642	1316	1348	1114	1575
Dallas, Texas	1800	1332	1401	1506	1490	1569	1650	1577	1811	1679	1466	1348	1863
Denver, Colo.	838	379	220	815	798	803	918	804	1028	708	695	575	921
New Orleans, La.	2130	1853	1992	2077	1945	2065	2068	2078	2311	1979	1967	1745	2186
New York, N. Y.	2340	2083	2222	2317	2062	2247	2209	2284	2466	2142	2157	1935	2400
Salt Lake City, Utah	499	570	428	476	869	585	699	494	642	589	453	716	522
San Francisco, Calif.	1086	1206	1069	1067	1420	1226	1340	1135	1179	1280	1094	1356	1078
Seattle, Wash.	660	830	710	655	965	703	805	810	543	801	735	908	494
St. Louis, Mo.	1909	1302	1441	1536	1267	1533	1507	1527	1758	1436	1446	1291	1643
Washington, D. C.	2175	1919	2058	2153	1963	2168	2061	2144	2325	2001	2033	1836	2260
Edmonton	685	738	866	632	682	501	520	598	481	811	875	891	681
Dawson, Cr.	1213	1106	1034	1000	1060	872	890	934	965	975	1043	1080	965
White Horse	1029	1022	1050	1016	1065	1287	1309	1027	1285	1055	1159	1298	1085
Fairbanks	2567	2506	2538	2574	2376	2414	2438	2373	2603	2567	2715	2453

Montana Mileage Table

(Paved Highways only)

The mileage figures, in most cases are taken from improved primary (red) routes. There are some cases where a paved or oiled secondary (black) highway was used if it would appreciably shorten the mileage. Local inquiry should always be made as to road condition in the winter time.

Mileage between two cities is determined by following the vertical column under one city and the horizontal column of the other. Example

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